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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by President Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Glen Becerra, City of Simi Valley.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments to present at this time.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Items

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Judy Mikels), SECONDED (Washburn), and APPROVED.

3.1.1 Approve Minutes of Oct 3, 2002

Councilmember Bev Perry abstained. It was noted that Councilmember Pettis attended the October 3, meeting.

3.1.2 Subregional Contracts

- D B Consulting

3.1.3 CALCOG 2003 Action Plan

3.1.4 Budget Request for Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO)

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix 2001-2002 Session

3.2.2 Contracts & Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$25,000 (Info Only)

Purchase Orders

- Aquent
- Boise Cascade Office Products
- Hyatt Newporter
- Pace Lithography
- UCLA Extension Public Policy

3.2.3 Conflict of Interest Listing (Info Only)

3.3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.3.1 Update on Southwest Compact Conference

Councilmember Greg Pettis reported that the Southwest Compact Conference proved to be an excellent symposium on the merits of the Southwest Compact. A number of presentations spoke directly to the need for a southwest compact. Councilmember Pettis stated that the compact has been further validated given the federal legislation proposed S.2522 (Bingaman) & H.R. 4847 (Reyes) to create the Southwest Border Authority sponsored by New Mexico Senator Bingaman and U.S. Representative Sylvestre Reyes from Texas.

SCAG has accepted an invitation to present the Southwest Compact Proposal to the Border Governors Conference Working Table on Economic Development next week in San Diego. Councilmember Pettis stated that this is an excellent opportunity to continue efforts to build relationships and garner political support for the southwest compact.

The South Eastern Arizona Governments Organization will be hosting a Border Policy Forum to address the Bingaman legislation and local elected officials from the SCAG region are being invited to attend.

3.3.2 Discussion re: January 2, 2003 Meeting

It was MOVED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to move the January 2 meeting for all committees to Thursday, January 9, 2003. The meetings will be held at the same time at SCAG offices.

3.3.3 Appointments

- Hon. Efren Moreno, Alhambra representing San Gabriel Valley COG to CEHD
- Hon Judy Mikels, Ventura County & Hon. Ron Roberts to the Task Force for selection of the Federal Lobbyist
- Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow, Goods Movement
- Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount, to TCC
- Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill, to Water Task Force
- Dan Lafferty, Los Angeles County of Public Works, to Water Task Force
- Heather Merenda, Manager, Santa Clarita Sustainability, to Water Task Force
- Bruce Mowry, So. Calif. Water Replenishment District, Water Task Force

3.4 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Pisano reported on one issue from the report and gave a brief overview on the Economic Summit. He urged Regional Council members to attend the summit for a couple of reasons: (1) To get a better understanding of the economy short term; and (2) Hear discussions regarding long term trend forecasts that were identified in the baseline work and the relationship to the short term trends.

Dennis Washburn reported that Mark Pisano hosted a Chinese Delegation in October. He felt that due to SCAG's out of country, as well as other city and county relationships from various states, SCAG should put together a directory that would include these contacts. He offered to share his database and information once the details are worked out.

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 **Administration Committee Report**

4.1.1 Proposed 2002-2003 Communication Strategy

Don Rhodes, Manager, Government & External Affairs presented the 2002-2003 Communication Strategy as recommended by the Communication Task Force and Administration Committee. Mr. Rhodes

gave a brief overview on specifics within the Strategy that included communication goals as well as first steps to implementing the communication strategy.

The Administration Committee recommended that the Regional Council approve amending the **“Deliverable Goal Section”** on page 3 under **“Regional Council Media Training: Regional Council and when space is available, electeds from member cities and councils.”**

It was MOVED (Mikels), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.1.2 Approval to Authorize Contract Negotiations

It was MOVED (Judy Mikels), SECONDED (Judy Mikels) and APPROVED with one ABSTENTION (Burke) to authorize negotiations of contract with LA County Community and Sr. Services Dept for implementation of the Transportation Information Project

4.1.3 Identification of Local Recipients of the FTA Section 5311 Funds

Supervisor Jon Mikels, Chair, reported that as a result of the 2000 census, there are three new small-urbanized areas in the SCAG region, Camarillo, El Centro, and Santa Clarita. He stated that public transit projects in these areas are now eligible to receive Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 funds. Federal guidance states that the Governor may designate a local recipient to receive these funds. The California Department of Transportation has requested SCAG to assist the Department in the determination of local recipients to receive the FTA Section 5311 funds in each of new urbanized areas.

It was MOVED (Jon Mikels), SECONDED (Judy Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve designation of the County of Imperial, City of Santa Clarita, and the Ventura County Transportation Commission as grant recipients of FTA 5311 funds for new small-urbanized areas in the SCAG region.

4.2 Strategic Planning Committee Report

4.2.1 Proposed New Strategic Plan for SCAG

Supervisor Judy Mikels, Chair, gave a brief introduction and history of how the Strategic Plan was prepared. Art Bauer, Consultant, assisted a Regional Council task force in conjunction with SCAG management to develop a draft Strategic Plan for SCAG

After a brief discussion it was MOVED (Judy Mikels), SECONDED (Jon Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the Strategic Plan.

It was also recommended that the Strategic Planning Committee be kept in force to continue work of documentation and identifying problems, including a specific Implementation Strategy for the Plan which will be returned to the RC for approval. There were no OBJECTIONS.

4.3 **Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

No report.

4.3 **Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD)**

4.3.1 **Status of Funding for State Mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment Program in FY 2002-2003**

The recently adopted state budget contains a total of one thousand dollars for RHNA reimbursements statewide. All state mandated local programs have similarly low funding levels in fiscal year '02-'03. Under current statute, the state is obligated to pay any eligible claims, but given inadequate funding, can only do so after the Controller requests a special allocation from the legislature. The CEHD began work on the next RHNA in April 2002 with the formation of a task force to review outstanding income equity issues that came out of the last RHNA cycle. The income equity issues and alternatives to address them need to be resolved on a region-wide consensus based approach that will entail the spending of more dollars. The reimbursement of such costs and other RHNA preparation expenses are now uncertain.

Although the available funding will not adequately support the anticipated reimbursement requests to perform RHNA work statewide, the mandate has not been suspended.

Mayor Alexander, Chair, reported that the CEHD recommended that the Regional Council approve initiating a legislative and administrative effort with the subregions and CALCOG to assure the availability of state reimbursements for the mandate or methods by which it is to suspend it. The CEHD also voted to suspend all RHNA work until further information regarding the likelihood of reimbursement is established. The motion also included the suspension of regional income equity workshop that had previously been planned.

In addition staff was directed to continue researching avenues for the mandate reimbursement and/or suspension and report back at the February meeting.

The CEHD's recommendation was MOVED (Alexander), SECONDED (McCracken).

There were concerns raised regarding the subregions. Mayor Dixon recommended that the letters be sent to subregions regarding SCAG's position and that they take action to suspend as well. Mayor Alexander concurred with the recommendation and agreed that to include it as part of the motion.

There were no objections. The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.5 **Communications Committee Report**

Councilmember Proo, Chair, stated that there were no other items to report on other than the Communication Strategy that was previously approved.

5.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 **Monthly Financial Report**

Bert Becker, CFO, gave an overview of the report through September. He stated that Exhibit 4 was added to the report as a result of discussions regarding cash flow with the Administration Committee. Also included is the dues assessments for the year. He stated that there were 16 organizations currently unpaid as of September 30, 2002.

Questions were raised regarding voting status and dues payments. Mr. Becker stated that according to the Bylaws if an organization had not paid within the first six months of the year they will be in a non-voting status at the end of the six months. Dues are due in the month of June, based on that the six-month period is approaching fast. Mr. Becker requested that RC members follow-up with their various cities or counties regarding their dues payments.

A budget workshop is scheduled in November to review the fiscal year 2003-2004 budget. Also scheduled is the Regional/Subregional Task Force meeting on November 19 to discuss the relationship between SCAG and the subregions including budget issues.

The Budget Amendment will be presented on December 5. There will be a second budget amendment in March 2003. This amendment will also include any additional revenue items. SCAG applied for 25 grants. 14 grants are for SCAG and the remaining 11 grants are for cities, counties and other organizations that SCAG applied jointly with. If these grants are awarded to SCAG they will be included as part of the OWP amendment in March.

6.0 COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were presented

9.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

9.1 Closed Session

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, stated that pursuant to California Government Coded Section §54956.9(a) the Regional Council should convene into closed session.

It was MOVED (Alexander), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to enter into closed session.

- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54957 Personnel
- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54956.9(a) SCAG v. HCD & BT&H
- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54956.9(a) El Toro Reuse Planning Authority v. SCAG

The Regional Council reconvened and reported to accept the settlement offer from ETRPA contingent upon approval of the Resolution Relating to El Toro and the next meeting.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2003 at SCAG offices.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer
Hasan Ikrata, Acting Director, Planning & Policy
Barbara Dove, Government Affairs Analyst
Alfredo Gonzalez, Sr. Government Affairs Officer
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

Members Present

Councilmember Hal Bernson (**Los Angeles**), Delegate, District 59, President
Supervisor Jon Mikels, (**San Bernardino County**) Delegate, Immediate Past President
Supervisor Yvonne Burke (**Los Angeles County**), Delegate
Supervisor Bob Buster (**Riverside County**), Delegate
Supervisor Judy Mikels (**Ventura County**) Delegate
Councilmember Greg Pettis (**Cathedral City**) Delegate, District 2
Councilmember Charles White (**Moreno Valley**) Delegate, District 3
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia (**Grand Terrace**), Delegate, District 6
Mayor Bill Alexander (**Rancho Cucamonga**), Delegate, District 9
Councilmember Gary Ovitt (**Ontario**) Delegate, District, 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale (**Barstow**) Delegate, District 11
Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung (**Laguna Nigel**) Delegate, District 12
Mayor Richard Dixon (**Lake Forest**), Delegate, District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway (**Newport Beach**), Delegate, District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone (**Tustin**) Delegate, District 17
Councilmember Alta Duke (**La Palma**) Delegate, District 18
Councilmember Shirley McCracken (**Anaheim**) Delegate, District 19
Mayor Ron Bates (**Los Alamitos**) Delegate, District 20
Councilmember Art Brown (**Buena Park**) Delegate, District 21
Mayor Bruce Barrows (**Cerritos**) Delegate, District 23
Councilmember Keith McCarthy (**Downey**) Delegate, District 25
Councilmember Melanie Andrews (**Compton**) Delegate, District 26
Councilmember George Bass (**Bell**) Delegate, District 27
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo (**Pico Rivera**) Delegate, District 31
Councilmember Robert Bruesch (**Rosemead**) Delegate, District 32
Councilmember Dick Stanford (**Azusa**) Delegate, District 33
Councilmember Harry Baldwin (**San Gabriel**) Delegate, District 35
Councilmember Sid Tyler (**Pasadena**) Delegate, District 36
Councilmember Tom Sykes (**Walnut**) Delegate, District 37
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal (**Claremont**) Delegate, District 38
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs (**El Segundo**) Delegate, District 40
Councilmember Bob Yousefian (**Glendale**) Delegate, District 42
Councilmember Dennis Washburn (**Calabasas**) Delegate, District 44
Councilmember Glen Becerra (**Simi Valley**) Delegate, District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse (**San Buenaventura**) Delegate, District 47
Councilmember Jan Rudman (**Corona**) Delegate, District 63
Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Bauer (**Huntington Beach**) Delegate, District 64

CTC Representatives

Vice Mayor Robin Lowe, Hemet, representing RCTC

Others present

Phyllis Winger
Chuck Bookhammer

Councilmember Bernson's Office
Supervisor Burke's staff